

<b>MINUTES TO MEETING</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE: 03/04/21</b>		
<b>ATTENDEES: Rebecca Turner, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Douglas Cooper, Barbara Kalish,</b>		
<b>DISTRIBUTION: Attendees, Stephen Piersanti, File</b>		
<b>LOCATION: Zoom Video Meeting</b>		
	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action By/Date</b>
1.	<b>General</b>	
a.	02/04/20 minutes - accepted	
2.	<b>New Business</b>	
a.	Letter of Support for Library Grant - submitted	
b.	Newsletter article	BK-3/26/21
3.	<b>Community Preservation Act (CPA)</b> Not discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Fred Gordon of the Housing Committee.</li> <li>• In the past 20 yrs. approx. 50% of Ma. Towns have taken advantage of this program</li> <li>• Challenge presented to EHC – “If we received \$10,000 what would we do with it?” Many neighboring towns have enlisted in this program.</li> <li>• Egremont voted it down several years ago but we support reopening this initiative. There are many categories that would qualify.</li> <li>• EHC recommends that we focus on something with universal town benefits. Cat. Ex: restoration of landmarks, public amenities, upgrade of open space, affordable housing, etc. French Park upgrades is a possibility.</li> <li>• Potential options – French Park, historical architectural elements, Prospect Lake dock, GreenAgers, Land Trust, River Walk</li> </ul>	Not discussed
4.	<b>Scholar Lectures and Dinner:</b> Not discussed potential fund raiser. Retain a local scholar or journalist to speak on a subject and participate in a “gala” dinner at someone’s home. Purpose – to promote unity, community and raise money. DC to sketch out a plan and lead future discussions.	
5.	<b>Egremont 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party</b> – not discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that we would continue to plan this as an E-event since the status of COVID vaccination is uncertain.</li> <li>• EHC to develop possible party themes – (Subsequent to meeting: ie Video Tribute to Egremont – everyone in town can say what they like about Egremont or express appreciation for the town in some way)</li> <li>• E-Archive opening</li> <li>• EHC to create a committee</li> <li>• EHC to develop a milestone schedule</li> </ul>	August 2021 EHC 3/4/21
a.	Future ideas – Cemetery tours, Contradance party,	
6.	<b>Website maintenance</b> – RT to discuss with SP	RT/SP 3/4/21
7.	<b>Equipment</b> - EHC will purchase an external hard drive for back-up and a multi-function color laser printer paid by town	RT 3/4/21
8.	<b>Rte 23 Lighting</b>	
a.	<del>GMcG / Howard Brandston informal meeting regarding lighting concepts for Rte 23. RT to obtain meeting notes from BoS. HB no longer involved since MDOT will include the lighting in the scope. According to GMcG, HB thought the plan and the fixture selection were “excellent”</del>	
b.	BoS has severed the lighting scope from the Rte 23 project. GMcG/HB to develop revised scope. EHC to obtain copy of proposed revised scope.	RT/BK
9.	<b>Massachusetts Cultural Resources Information System (MACRIS)</b>	
a.	NL/MM will complete the contracted scope for the MACRIS report. In on a timely basis. MM to forward milestone schedule Mon 2/7/21. EHC intends to split the last payment into 2 milestones. 100% Document final submission 6/5/21	NL/MM Sched 2/7/21 100% 6/5/21
b.	On Schedule for completion according to MM	6/5/21
c.	MACRIS, once complete, will be promoted and made available electronically/hard copy once completed	6/5/21

10.	<b>Town hall Sign</b> – Not discussed	
a.	Repeat Comment – SP to provide update	SP 1/7/21- 2/4/21- 3/4/21
b.	Committee members include: (SP to forward list)	SP 3/4/21
c.	Repeat Comment – Lucinda Vermuelen requested that the committee members suggest alternatives.	SP 2/4/21- 3/4/21
11.	<b>Membership</b>	
a.	EHC to reach out for new members	On-Going
b.	Possible new member. RT to explore	RT 2/4, 3/4
12.	<b>Historical Commission mission statement/acquisition policy/training</b>	Ongoing
13.	On Hold pending completion of other initiatives	
14.	<b>Archive collection/organization/layout</b>	
a.	Tony Reynolds/Town Maintenance Crew and Valley Roll Off will provide a dumpster for 2-3 weeks in January and open a window at the EHC office for debris removal. RT to confirm dates pending weather. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan is to keep volumes from 1820-40 which are most likely part of the original collection and may have some historical connection to Egremont since the books were owned by a prominent Egremont attorney of the time.</li> </ul>	On-going RT
15.	<b>Demolition delay by-law</b>	
a.	EHC is developing the 1 <sup>st</sup> draft to be shared with the PB for review and comment. DD circulated a first pass among EHC members for review and comment.	2/11/21 4pm
b.	EHC/PB Demo Delay Bylaw: will be developed as a collaborative effort. PB will focus on this once the Marijuana Bylaw has been completed;	On-Going
16.	<b>Future Outreach Initiatives</b>	
a.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	Ongoing
b.	Invite Library Committee and look for ways to collaborate. RT to contact LC chair	Ongoing
17.		EHC Date?
18.	<b>COVID-19 historical record for archives – not discussed</b>	
a.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it effected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	RT Ongoing
19.	Previous agenda items to be revisited 1. Oral History –Stanley Gracyk is writing a series on his experiences working in the General Store. He will share and possible read his essays for the OHP. a. Will Conklin re. History of April Hill b. BK to develop list of interviewee	Ongoing EHC BK
20.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
a.	TBD – pending selection of a more mutually convenient time/day	
b.	Demo Delay – Thu 2/11/21 @ 4pm	
21.	<b>End of minutes</b>	
a.	Submitted: 4/4//21 by Barbara Kalish	